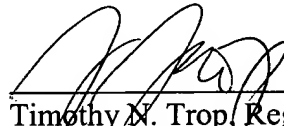


**REMARKS**

Since the claims still pending in the case were all allowed, the application should now be in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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